

590

Gregory the Great, pope; to 604.

590-604

Pope Gregory I the Great made the pope not only the acknowledged spiritual head of western Christendom and also in effect the temporal ruler of Rome, and may be said to have inaugurated that conception of the supreme authority of the Papacy which was to play so large part in medieval history.

590-604

1912 Dates J-BK

The eight musical modes  
begun by St. Ambrose and  
known as the "Gregorian ~~Chant~~  
modes" were completed by  
Pope Gregory.

590-618

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China

YANG KIAN, Chinese general  
of the CHOW dynasty succeeded  
(in 590) once more in unifying  
China by founding the  
SUI dynasty which ruled  
590-618

Gregory the Great was elected POPE.

A Benedictine monk, laid the foundation of medieval papal power. Gregory I, a Benedictine was the first monk to become Pope. He was elected to the office when Rome was cut off from the EXARCH of Ravenna, Byzantium's representative in the West, by the Lombard conquest of Italy. In theory, the Pope was subject to the temporal authority of the emperor, but when the Lombards attacked Rome in 592, the

did nothing to assist its defense, which was organized by Gregory. He also negotiated the peace. By governing Rome in the absence of any civil authority, he laid the foundations of the medieval papacy's temporal power, though its formal beginning dates only from the establishment of the Papal States by Pepin's "donation" of RAVENNA "to St. Peter," in 756.

Gregory also accepted the permanent existence of Barbarian Europe and made it his mission to rid it of paganism and ARIANISM. He realized that European Christianity would be tied to Rome, not the East.

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Lombards

AGILULF was king.

From this time may  
be dated the beginning of  
civilization among the  
Lombards.

590-616

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<sup>Born</sup>  
AETHELBERT was king of Kent  
also; later named <sup>the</sup> BRETWALDA  
Ruler over East Anglia, Essex,  
Middle Britanni.

He married a Catholic Christian  
Bertha, daughter of CHARLBERT,  
king of the FRANKS



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Previous to 590, north China  
was ruled for about 200 yrs  
by the TUNGUSIC family  
called Toba.

Assassin of Pope Gregory  
who arranged the Gregorian  
Chart.

590

579-590 reign

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PELAGIUS II was 63rd Pontiff  
He succeeded Benedict I

590-800

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Gregory I & Charlemagne

Beginning of papal temporal sovereignty and growth of papal power; Conversion of Northern Europe (begin Lohia); rise of Islam and its invasion of Europe.

590-604

Pope Gregory I

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## Pope Gregory the Great

He was a Roman of noble family, educated in the Roman tradition. He knew no Greek, little church history, and generally had style and classical scholarship to be of secondary importance. In his political career he became prefect of City of Rome; he gave up his possessions to church and converted his house into a monastery. Later he was called from monastic seclusion

to the position of Archdeacon of Rome. Twice  
he visited Constantinople, once as papal representative  
throughout his career as pope he consistently  
upheld the legitimate authority of emperors.  
But with equal insistence he resisted having  
the Church in Italy being overcome nor would  
he bow to Monophysite opinion.

Gregory's letters to bishops and rulers  
indicate his constant solicitude, Saxon England  
was a more decisive conquest. And after St.  
Augustine's mission was established, it  
was Gregory's intelligent direction which  
laid the foundation to English Church. Kellom.

manuscript

590

Gregory the Great is bishop  
of Rome. Papacy begins 590



St Columban the younger goes from Ireland to France and founds the monasteries of ANNÉGRAY, LUXEUIL, and FONTAINE. His companion GALLUS founds the monastery of St. Gallen on Lake Constance.

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